

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention is a novel and improved method and apparatus for transmitting data in a multiple carrier CDMA communication system. In the first implementation of the present invention, the data is encoded and the resulting encoded symbols are divided up and transmitted on different frequencies. The encoded symbols are provided to a symbol repetition means which keeps the symbol rate of data to be transmitted fixed. In a second embodiment, no symbol repetition is provided and variable length Walsh sequences are used to handle data rate variations.

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